Refer in reply to the following

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, May 1st, 1884

Rev Sheldon Jackson
~~Clair Mont~~ Montclair New Jersey

My Dear Sir

The Senate Committee reported the bill yesterday - amended the House action relating to Alaska - by changing from fifteen to ten thousand Dollars Certainly not as we had Cause to hope it would be, It may be changed by the action of the Senate or Conference Com"

The general appropriations of the bill do very well and we may be able to "wiggle through" the year.

Now might do good here now.

Yours Truly Your friend

J M Lawrie

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

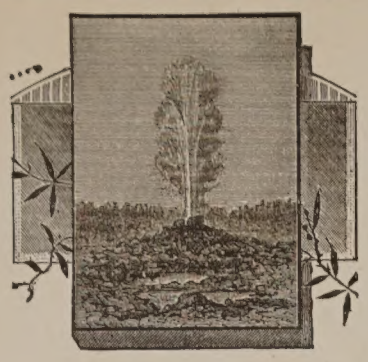
Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson.

Mrs. Fullock has just been in the office inquiring when you would return. Can you drop me a line by the next mail and tell me when it would be convenient for you to make the promised address at Metropolitan Meth Church? They are very anxious to have you come if possible.

Very truly yours
Eleanor J. Chester.



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52 CLARK STREET, CHICAGO.

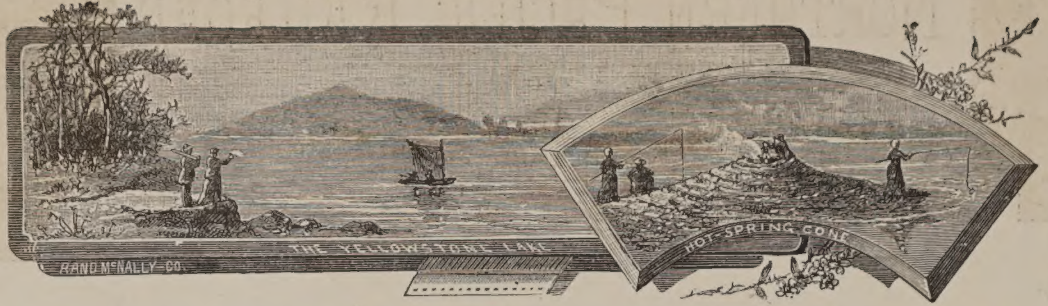
Chicago Ill. May 6th 1884

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Mt. Clare N.J.

My Dear Brother:

I am in receipt of copy of "Educational Bulletin" as per your card. I note what is said therein on page 12 about the Alaska trip. The Bulletin together with your circular letter already out & your newspaper articles will give the matter free publicity — so it seems to me.

Now as you wish to move on Westward (as I understood you) I suggest that I get up a neat little "General Itinerary of Sheldon Jackson Alaska Party" giving time table & general movement of the party from Madison Wis. July 18th on to Alaska — let the price of tickets remain as you have announced $205.45 — but let it embrace the return from Livingston to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & return.



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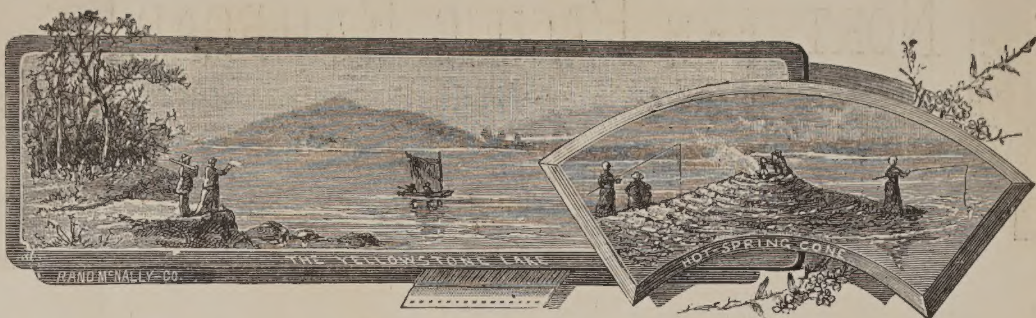
I take it that your party will in the main start from — or be in attendance upon the meeting at Madison, & so far all is understood by them. You & I will handle them from that time on — So I suggest that when you start Westward — have all your Atlantic Reunion mail sent to this office & we will answer it — placing before the parties the "Itinerary" & such facts as they may need. If this meets your approval please telegraph me on receipt of this.

As to your transportation & that of Mr. H. — I suggest: Mr. Hill, the G. O. U. believes if you & wants to meet you in person. Please call here on your outward bound trip & get a letter & then start a day in S. D. and & call on Mr. Hill & all will be "O. K."

I have received a special steamer, one of the best — and at your own Itinerary.

Berry



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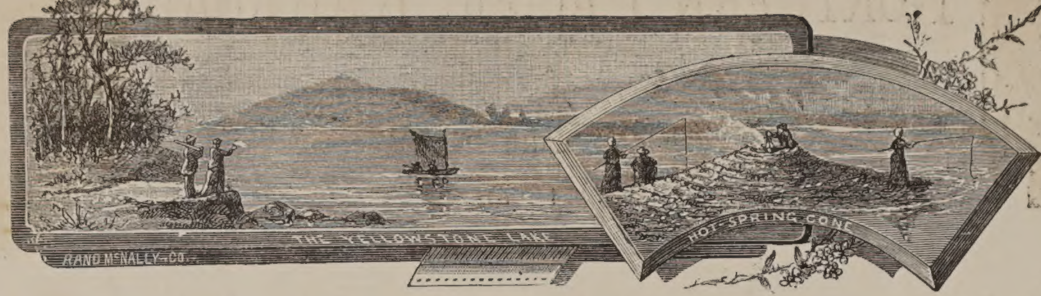
Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
New York City,

Rev. and Dear Brother:- Referring to your questions in your letter of the 5th inst. please allow me to say: for your party of 75 or more, this line will make you the following rate. St.Paul to Portland, Oregon and return--$100.00 Portland to Alaska and return-- $90.00, which will include berths and meals on the steamer during the entire trip from Portland which will require about 25 days. The Company will provide for your party a special steamer, one of the best on the Pacific coast, and will have the same in readiness for you on your arrival at Portland if we can have due notice of number in party and date of arrival in Portland. If I understand you, your party will leave St.Paul Saturday, July 19th, at 4.05 P. M., supper in dining car price .75

I will arrange to have your train put upon the side track at Moorhead, Minn. on its arrival Sabath morning July 20th. Your party can occupy the Pullman Palace cars as their home during the day. Breakfast, dinner and supper at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Moorhead will be furnished your party at $1.75 per head. The double berth in Pullman Palace car from St.Paul to Portland including the lay over on Sabbath at Moorhead will be $17.00 ~~each~~. One of the company's elegant dining cars will be specially fitted up and attached to the train for the special use of your party in which meals will be



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served at .75 per meal. Your party will doubtless return from Alaska about Aug. 25th and proceed homeward. We name you a rate of $2.75 from Livingston to Mammoth Hot Spring hotel-- Yellowstone National Park-- and return.

Please advise me if these rates are acceptable and keep me fully posted in regard to the probably number in the party.

I am, dear sir,

Yours Respectfully,

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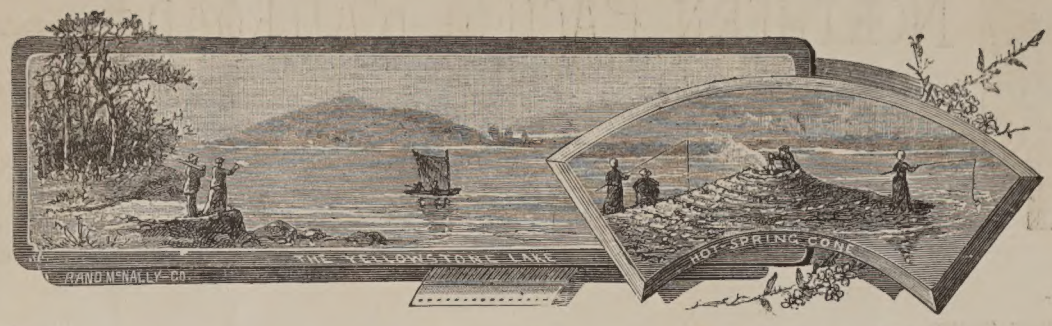

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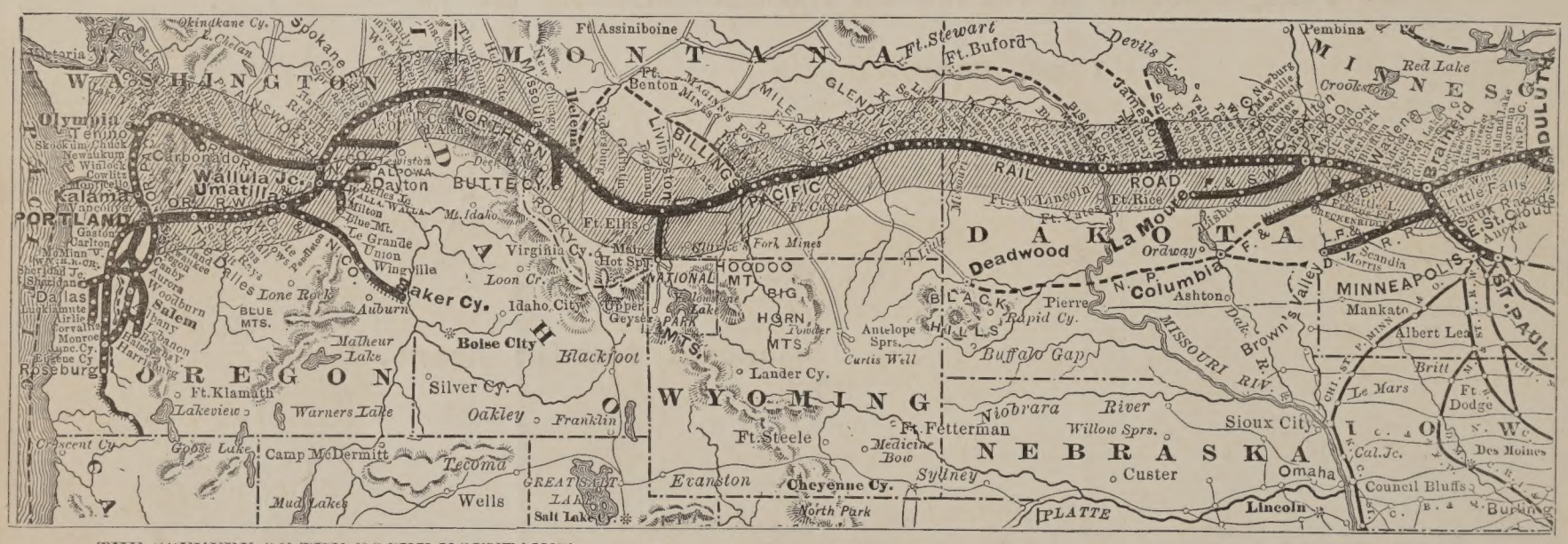

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Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother —

Your letter of May 31st

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to attend the commencement

exercises of the State Agricultural College

with which I have been connected.

Your remaining letter was

not received. If I do not receive

the morning of your letter you

are expecting to be South of the

Little Sahara you will. I had not

thought of your acting in that

capacity but supposed the Board

would select some one from

the educational or political

circles. I know you have large

all the minister now in the

continent

Dear Brother

Received

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Cerro Gordo Ks.

opposition. I have long been my aversion from childhood. There is a natural horror of general law as well and of capitalists in the like to a considerable degree. But if you have any good plan to fill that position I say as I accept I might be induced to remain in office for a few days. Now is it? I think it is painfully apparent that country is some interest and would like the chance to do an outside the duties of an office. I think that would interpose in my behalf in the matter of office. I not as Com. at Brooklyn - but State politics.

opposition. I pity poor [illegible] [illegible] from Aldrich. Have I a partial knowledge of general farming or will [illegible] of satisfactory [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] designs. Even if you have any such fears I feel that [illegible] pay me to accept longer be allowed to remain [illegible] family there. How is it? Should I scientifically explore the country to some extent and would like the chance to do so outside the duties of an office. I would not consent interfere in any behalf in the matter of office seeking on Com. or Prangle — Not State politics.

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Your letter of May 31st from New York was rec'd here yesterday. I had been attending on State Nominational meeting at Junction City & had come here to attend the commencement exercises of the State Agl College with which I have been connected. Your warning in letter was not rec'd. If I do not receive the morning of your letter you are expecting to be sent of the Sitka School yourself. I had not thought of your entering in that capacity but supposed the Board would select some one from the educational or political circles. I know you had days all the morning work in the

[illegible] I did not [illegible]
[illegible] thought of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of that [illegible].
Staff: [illegible] the [illegible] of
the Indian schools at [illegible]
[illegible] has endeared me to the
[illegible] of [illegible]. But I have
not the slightest desire to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in your
[illegible] and [illegible] for that [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]. If by my
[illegible] the appointment of Supt.
of the School at Sitka I would
be [illegible] if I do not desire the
appointment. I want to do just what
Grant would have me do.
It was my first intention to try
to secure the educational position
at Sitka and when my friends
Senator Pelton ~~and~~ Representative Smith
wrote me that the end could not
probably be established I made
application for Choral Chapel.
But when I wrote to my old friend
[illegible] for his good [illegible] to the
President he was obliged to reply
that he had already recommended
a gentleman from his own district
for the place. He endeared me to
"be not as one of your enemies."
But if you will take charge of the
school at Sitka you will be doing
your brethren at Sitka already
[illegible] [illegible] from those who
have been there. Teaching in a
literary way is not my forte
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that of an
"industrial nature. Horticulture
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MORAVIAN CHURCH.
J. MAX HARK, PASTOR.
LANCASTER, PA.

May 12th 1884

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,

Dear Brother,—

In the hope that this will reach you before your departure for the north-west, I write to ask a favor of you. I have been asked to prepare a paper on Alaska & Christian Missions there for one of the New England Theological Reviews, & also wish to "write up" the subject in other journals. In order to do this I of course want the fullest & most accurate information possible. Will you, then, be kind enough to send me such Reports, Journals &c &c as may be in existence on the subject, or refer me to where I can get them? If you will do this favor, it will I hope not be without good for the cause of Alaska's evangelization & civilization, & will greatly oblige

Yours very sincerely

J. Max Hark

Fort Wrangel Alaska
May 13th 1884

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Yours of April 11th is received, I thank you very much indeed for your letter - it gives me an insight into many things. I know you have worked very hard to accomplish the much desired end for Alaska. If you secure the $15,000 this spring it will be a great deal accomplished, certainly that will do much more for this part of Alaska than the $25-000 asked for in the bill for Government.

I sincerely hope you will see this. But oh dear I dont know what to think about the "Wrangel Home" being moved to Sitka. You speak of it as "the school" now should this change take place would the Board not still have a school here? Certainly they would not have these stickers without a school, & I would very much fear the result of trying to move the Home. I feel very sure a good many would not go. Could perhaps only take those that are here from other places. About the buildings if the change should be made. Why not let the Boys ~~Home~~ department remain where it is. Mr & Mrs Austin had the over sight of that building

When it was put up & no doubt had it arranged as they wished (which would not be my plan by any means) If I should go why could I not have the new building that would be put up after I should go there? I like the plan of having the kitchen - diningroom & laundry seperate from the other buildings. Now as to salary I do think if Government aid is secured I am entitled to a little advance of salary. In consideration of having been so long in the work - having borne the burden & heat of the day - & having all my furniture & everything burned - which was a great loss to me, this could be done without it being known to every body - & I think I

am entitled to it. Now as to Miss Rankin, she wants to be appointed Matron at Chilocat & Miss Mathews wants her, so I think she had better go, This is strictly confidential, She has not said anything to me about it, but she asked Mr Young to write to the Board asking them to transfer her to that place, She & I get along nicely & she is an excelent person but I think she would be happier & do better in a different position. In the first place she does not like her work here & you know a person does not often succeed if they are engaged in a work they dont like, they do it without having any heart in it, Is this not true?

I think I wrote you last mail
that Mrs Young had bought the Rossiter
farm & moved most of
her boys & her helpers out
there - until they can get in
the Garrison, She has had
Cows - pigs - & chickens brought
up from Portland. She
seems to have plenty of money
for everything. Mr Young's
brother seems like a good
honest farmer. He is a wid-
ower, brought two children
with him. By the way I heard
Mr Young said he was going
to try to get the carrying of the
mail to Jackson for this
brother. Can he get it away
from Mr Gould? It seems
a pitty they cannot run
everything in this Country.
Mrs Young has a splendid
woman to look after the
cooking department. Miss Mc-

away her other helper (a full
cousin of Mr. Young's) is a very
nice young lady, one I think
a great-deal of, but the work
is to hard for her. I think
she will break down before
long. Yes I think it quite prob-
able there will be a "muddle
at Fort Wrangel for some time
to come, I will be glad when
this thing is settled, & we know
what is going to be done, I
have some things I want to
do - but feel that I would
rather not go from home
until matters are settled.
I want to make a visit
to Jackson - & I want to
go below. I am sorry now
I did not go last steamer,
I will be glad too when it can
be talked about among the
missionaries. One thing I
want to ask is what will
be done about the scholar-

Ships if these girls are put in a government school? If I thought you would come next month I would not send this letter - for you will not get it ~~until~~ before leaving. You inquire about Mr Ish. As he is a christian carpenter. He is a diffident young man, but I think would take part in meetings when it would be necessary. I have heard him lead in prayer at prayer meeting. I think he would do very well to appoint to teach the boys carpentering at Sitka. He I believe thoroughly understands his trade - & is a good workman, I think he would have a good influence over the boys - Do not ask Mr Young

his opinion about it. He does not like him & would no doubt try to prejudice you against him. I think quite likely he would like to get work at Sitka this summer. Mr Northrup told me yesterday that he (Mr Ish) was at Seattle now.

Where do you expect to live at Sitka. I presume there will be a house put up for the Superintendent. Mr Young says he does not think Dr Lindsley is coming next month.

Very sincerely Yours

A. R. McFarland.

Fort Wrangell, May 13 1884

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro

We are still at Wrangell. Mr French Col for Sitka came this Steamer. Mr Lear turned the buildings over to him on Sabbath the 11 of May Mr Wilson formerly Col, for Jeanno is to be the Col here is on a trip to San. Francisco will be up next Steamer, June Mr French advised Mr Young to wait until Mr Wilson come to see what buildings he wanted first before they would occupy

any of them. We have changed our plans in reference to moving to Sitka for the Summer. We expect upon my arrival from Presbytery to make a trip to the British Missions unless we are ordered to Hoonyah sooner, our commission has not come yet, We have been carrying Mr & Mrs Youngs work for ten months in addition to our own, and in justice to Ourselves, we need change and rest before entering upon our new field. We asked Mr Young if Dr Lindsley was coming & when, "I had a short letter from him but he did not say when he was coming." Mr Lee of Portland

who expected to accompany the Dr is married and does not expect to come. I think Mr Young does not know any thing about the Presbytery. Mr Youngs Brother is a strong man and seems to be a good man We have had a delightful Spring but have had two or three days rain at a time of late,

Wife joins me in love to yourself and Mrs Jackson

Very Truly Your
bro in Christ —
John. W. McFarland

Hyannis Port Mass.
May 16 84

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Friend:

I always fear this will not reach you before you are off to the uttermost end. But I must send my word of congratulation — Civil Government for Alaska! Now who will be the officers? I hope such men as shall be faithful fathers of our Church work. When to you & Mrs. J. start, and will Daisy go with you, & is poor Bessie to be left behind — As for me I feel as much a pilgrim on the face of the earth as you are. We tried to have a summer home at least here, but on the night of the 23, it was burned to the ground. That is a loss. Jos graduates this June. She & my son John are alone down the road. If I haven't some place I can return then was something to do

for old folks I believe I'd go back like Wesley's Young men. I wish that my husband could get a professorship in some of the many colleges springing up West. He would be a great useful professor as young people always like him. Meanwhile my two young folks enjoy here their City and Western life. John would be a live boy in any Western Church that got him in. He is now in Erie doing a good deal of work in Dr Fullerton's Ch. out of office hours, & working for the Temperance Union, Christian Ass. & giving readings for them. I expect him home in two weeks. Can you let me know when you leave.

Sincerely Your Friend

J. McN. Wright

Institute for Deaf Mutes,
Rochester, May 19th 1884.

Dr Jackson, Dear Sir,

As I have not heard from Mrs Haines since I saw you, I feel anxious to know what I am to do, I write to ask you if there is any doubt about my going to Alaska this summer, and if the delay in my appointment is necessary.

I am in a very unsettled state of mind, not knowing what is best to do about making my preparations.

I do not like to go on getting ready without knowing for a certainty that I shall go, and I do not want to leave all preparations to be made the last few weeks before I leave home.

My time at home will be very short, and I would like to do all I can before I go home.

I sent a certificate of church membership to Mrs Haines.

The physician to whom I went said he thought there was a form of certificate to be filled out, with which the board would provide me. He thought I had better write and find out if such a form was required.

I did so, but have heard nothing in reply.

If this long suspense is necessary I shall try to bear it with as good grace as possible, but if there is some mistake or misunderstanding which you might remedy, I should be so

glad and grateful for
your help.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Dauphin

Tacoma Nov. 19. 1884.

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro. The mail came in yesterday evening and weighs about 30 #, net. Had a talk with Johnson this morning about another years work. I have gotten the idea that he is a big chief & must get work, but take contracts & hire the work done. I think a better man could be found here in Chilcat - & this a young man of good character living there at Haines is more worthy. I have not spoken think about it Several of the Anderson Chief spoken

to me concerning the matter.
I will make arrangements to go to Sitka in July. I do not know however which way the steamer may go if I do Sitka before she comes there I will have missed my passage. Should the steamer not come in at Haines in June I don't know what I will do about our passage. That is all that will hinder, we provided Mrs Willard is well, as she is a capital planner and can arrange all necessary work, outside of the above mentioned, as well as I can.

We were disappointed at not seeing the steamer this month We expected right especially telling them to

for tobacco and the like
will Cannot entirely
writing short hair, fat and
that a little boy, Raizen
tied up at Mendestaka, the
over Chilcat village for
witch craft. Cannot tiempo
taken pump. We are in
good health. and of course
need a number of wife
(married people should
generally be sent as Missionaries
I think) to help in our
Indian work. Which you
would add proper list of
Missionaries and bring me
one. All unite in sending
Christian love

Your Bro in Christ
Eugene S. Willard

Portland Oregon May 19th 1884.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir.

It has been 9 long months since receiving a letter from you. You requested me to take the Hoonyah Mission for 6 months, when the Lord would provide something else for me. I am in his hands. Perhaps you will be pleased to hear how I get along. The Board may fail to provide. But this hand never fails. I could only be happier but by knowing more of his ways. If the Board has got through with me, I want to know it; and have a representment. Please direct Chilcat Alaska. Your Friend.

— J. E. Chapman.

E. E. Higbee
Supt. of Public Instruction.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Harrisburg, May 19, 1884

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My Dear Brother:

The copies of the Record which you so kindly sent me were received Saturday. Please accept my thanks. Your letter of the 17th inst. discourages me and almost dissipates a fond dream of my life, as I read in this morning's papers that the House has not concurred in the Senate amendments to the Indian Appropriation bills.

As to the Secretary's determination to put the salary of a Supt. into the teachers' wages I can only remark that a Supt. would for the present constitute a part of the teaching force, and, acting in that capacity I would expect to do some teaching while directing the general work of the schools. Every system should have an executive head, and it is doubtful whether the Governor and two officers constituting a committee to report what should

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be done for the schools will have that training or experience which will render them the best judges of educational affairs.

In making political appointments, eminent fitness is not always a consideration, and I find that school men as a rule are not selected to look after school interests.

I beg pardon for this obtrusion of my opinions, and trust that, whatever may be my fate in this matter, God may so direct the President in his selection of men that he may appoint such men as will carry forward successfully the work so well begun by our mission schools.

Thanking you sincerely for the courteous manner in which you have treated me all through this affair, I promise that I shall not trouble you again.

Gratefully yours.

A. J. Davis.

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Rochester, N.Y., May 20, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
P.O. Box, 1938, New York.

Dear Sir:—

Shortly after you left here last winter, the boys of Calvary Presbeterian Church organized a missionary society, calling it the "Alaska Band".

Although we have but few members we are doing very well. We intend to give an entertainment next week in the course of which we propose to speak of Alaska under several heads. We have taken our points from the circulars of the bureau of education, but those being issued in 82, give

no account of the condition, or number of, schools at the present time.

The reason I have written to you is to ask you to give us some information on the subject or tell us how or where we may find it.

If it would not be too much trouble I would ask you to put your reply in such a form that we may read it entire at our entertainment.

Very truly yours,

John F. Skinner,
96. South Ave.,
Rochester,
N. Y.

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mapl sent
Alaska. S. M. Rae

Baltimore, May 20-84.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir

The Sunday School of Boundary Avenue Presbyterian Church of Baltimore has organized a new system of contribution, and the whole school has become literally a large mission band - This is divided into chapters, each of which will have some special object. In the division Alaska has been assigned to four classes, of which mine is one - Two of these are composed of boys, ranging in age from Eight

to sixteen, and two of girls of about the same age.

We want if possible to enlist their warmest sympathies in this field, and propose to have monthly meetings to bring the subject before them. The first of these will be held on next Sunday, May 25 - and we should like very much to have something of interest to bring before them at that time.

I write to ask if you can help us by any suggestion, or information of any kind, and will also ask you to mention which particular

full it would be most desirable for us to help -

I enclose -10 for Government Map of Alaska with Mission Stations

We shall be greatly obliged -

Very truly,

Mrs Alexina Crawford

Waverly Post Office

Baltimore Co.

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Idaho Springs, Colo.,
May 20, 84

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have just written my report to the Board, and thought you might be interested to hear of the conversion and uniting with the Church of Bill Rice, a noted character in these parts, and son of old "Parson" Rice who labored here so long and faithfully. Bill makes a <u>fine</u> Christian, and only day before yesterday

remarked to me that Sheldon Jackson was the best preacher he ever heard. He is not alone either, by the way, of those among my acquaintances who think the same thing.

Very truly yours,

John N. Mills

Pastor Presbyterian Ch.

1912 Mt. Vernon St.
Phila. Pa.
May 21. 84.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

I heartily rejoice with you in your success in obtaining civil law for Alaska, I am very anxious to see the particulars.

I thank you for your kind offer to use your influence to obtain the position of Commissioner for me. It has been somewhat difficult for me to decide what answer to make, for I want to live with a single eye to the glory of my Master. If the work of the office will not require a great deal of my time & so as to interfere with the work of the gospel I will accept the position.

I have a few hymns & a vocabulary of the Indian language. Can you put me in the way to get them printed?

My wife expects to be confined in Sept. consequently we will not be able to go to Alaska before Nov. I hope I shall be able to see you before you go west, & would come on to New York for that purpose if I knew when you would be there. Mrs C joins me in much love to yourself & wife.

Your bro. in Christ.

W. H. Conlin

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Minneapolis, Minn., May 21, 1884.

My Dear Dr Jackson —

Your favor of 6th inst. is at hand, having been forwarded from Albany & much delayed by the way. I left there Mch. 17. & am now pleasantly located here. I thoroughly like this city, but if the West improves in proportion to the distance West, I am all ready to make a fresh start & go on to Alaska. I am boarding with Mr. L. L. Longbrake, a college friend of Rev. Mr. Young of Alaska & superintendent of the S. S. in my Father's church here. He & his wife & I are lamenting that we cannot afford to join the excursion party to Alaska this summer. I am glad to see that the bill has passed both houses. Will you kindly send me a copy of it if the President signs it? I understand it has been amended.

Father is attending General —

Assembly at Saratoga Spgs. I expect him & the family here the 30th inst. He has a nice little church here & his people are earnest, practical, active christians.

I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you on your way to Alaska. This is only a half hour ride from St. Paul with trains every half hour.

I will write to Albany & try to have a copy of 2d Annual Report of Board of Health sent to you.

Yours sincerely

Henry C. Strycker

To
Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Care Bureau of Education
Washington, D.C.

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Salt Lake City. May 21-84

Dear Dr. Jackson

I write you at the request of a friend of mine here - a physician and a most worthy man - a Christian man - to ask if you think there would be any prospect of getting an official position in Alaska - sufficient to warrant him in going to Washington

Joseph Cook left here Monday morning for Chicago having spent five days here. He stayed at my house. and

consequently I had a good chance to talk with him. He is the most marvelous man for intellectual power and facility of acquiring information I have ever met. He had some grand meetings while he was here. I invited 35 representative men of the city here one evening to talk over the Utah question. He had 35 written questions to submit. It was an exceedingly interesting & profitable meeting. The mass meeting last Saturday eve. was also a rousing one. The Opera House was packed Sunday evening to hear his wonderful address on "Failures of Nobility" I say, long live Joseph Cook.

Faithfully yours
W. S. McCrea

The Germantown Nurseries,

Chew Street, below Gorgas,

Germantown, Philadelphia

May 21. 1884 -

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

I am glad Alaska has at last a Government - I am an Alaskan traveler, and take a great interest in its development and the civilization of its natives, and shall be glad to serve you in any way I can. You are evidently not aware of my own share of work in getting the government now provided for.

In regard to the matter of your note, there is nothing written that would serve your purpose. The climate of Alaska is so different from ours that experience here will be of no use

You must avail yourself of actual experience. I do not remember that you have tried much at the Mission Training School, but many things have been tried in Mr. Metropolski's garden close by, and his experience will be worth a great deal. Request Hence get your experimental garden if you could arrange it, would be on the flat near Indian River, at the end of the Russian road. I noticed that the fogs thick go over the hills back of the battery and these in the climate of Sitka are no use in gardening.

As the hill the mountain
ash and the crab are
indigenous, and the fine
tree of the latter in Metropolitan
Gardens affords a good hint
as to the class of fruit trees
likely to do well. Mr. Austen
I think has not much of
a taste for trees & vines,
but if you could engage
Mr. Hill to hunt for as
much that has been tried
in our experiments, with as
much energy as he
will hunt Bear and Deer
he would be of good
service to you. Cottenham
& Fort Wayne have also
some experience in testing

fruits and vegetables, and his experience of 18 to 20 years —

I would be of better service to you in making some selections, by having matters left to my discretion within certain limits, than by any set of instructions I can give you. All I can say is that I shall steadily serve you if I am able.

Very truly yours

Thos. Meehan

Metlakahtla 24th May 1884

The Rev. Dr. Jackson

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 24th ult.o was to hand yesterday notifying me of the excursion to Alaska next August of which you will have charge. About that time we shall be closing our Salmon Canning work & no doubt many of our people will be away. All of us who are at home wish I am sure give you and your friends a hearty greeting.

You enquire about Lumber. At present our stock is small on account of the great demand we have had of late but I hope we shall be able to execute any order you may favor us with.

Our price for Common Cedar boards & Scantling at the Mill is $10.00 per thousand ft.; but for tongued-grooved-& planed board, 12in board, we get $15.00 per thousand ft.

Thanking you for your kind sympathy,

Believe me Your very grateful

W Duncan

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T. D.

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[illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
from what my friend Thomas had
[illegible] I had
that hope and so had (though
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for the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
from [illegible] letter [illegible] you [illegible]

days ago. He [illegible] me
days that he has ab[illegible]
[illegible] in a communication [illegible]
the 3rd of [illegible] addressed by
Capt Hemmett asking his reply
[illegible] to the Superintendency
[illegible] to be established
at Sitka. This was very fair
[illegible] and it <u>may be</u> that
I shall not decide the civil
appointment as for Sitka and
you. My old friend Capt H.
[illegible] wishes me to write
to you about this Superintendency
at Sitka and if you have any
desire to assist me in this matter
I would most respectfully refer
you to Mr Anderson. I believe
I said something of this [illegible] the
my former letter to you about
Politics at Oregon —
He knows me well as I am

number of pupils under him
in our State Agl College —
We have in fact the place
in life which please God best.
Perhaps I might serve better
as Supt at Sitka than as
Teacher at Wrangell or vice versa
or in neither place. God
will direct & I shall try to
follow. As the matter now
stands I should be glad (if
you feel disposed) to have
you recommend me to the
Secy of Int. for the Supty
of Schools at Sitka.

With due respect and
in great haste —

Yours truly
H. L. Benham —

It seems to me that said school
should be considered of the
Industrial character as well
as that of a literary —

Seattle W. T.
27th May 1884

Rev. Dr. Jackson—

Dear Sir— I take the liberty to address you in relation to the prospect for building in Alaska. It is rumored here, that there will be some rather extensive additions made to the Mission buildings at Sitka this season. I suppose you will have charge of all work that may be done in Alaska, and this is the reason why I address you.

Presuming that there is foundation for these reports, I wish to inquire if I can reasonably expect to obtain employment in the capacity of carpenter and builder; also if permanent employment can be had in that line in Alaska.

As to my qualifications, I will only say that I feel perfectly competent to erect any kind of building, either wood or brick.

Do you go to Alaska soon? If so, will you be so kind as to let me know what route you will take from Portland to Port Townsend. If you go overland, you will pass Seattle, & remain here from 5 to 6 A.M., which would enable me to see you, if I could be informed of when you will be here.

By replying you will confer a favor on

Yours &c

John T. Ish

Columbia. Pa.
May 27th/84.

Dear Doctor,

Yours of the 26th has come to hand. The date you propose for the Lecture will be convenient for me, and I will improve the time to which will intervene between now and then, to get such notice before the public as may secure a large audience. To profit by the occasion. You will do me a great favor and I am sure

give the cause of Home Missions, another fresh impulse.

If you will drop me a postal by what train to expect you, I will meet you at the depot, and it will be a great pleasure both to Mrs. Ely and myself to entertain you in the manse.

The Excursion to Alaska will be a grand and fair a rare opportunity to learn of the character of the great country known as the North-West. A good stroke for Alaska.

With sincere regards

Yours

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. Thos. Ellis Ely

Washington City

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Letter

Washington D.C.
May 14. '84.

My dear Dr Jackson –
While you are so good
as to tell me whose
School and where in
Alaska it is, in which
we could furnish a
Dormitory for Fifty
dollars, and name
the house as we like?
Shall we send our
money to the Ladies' Home
Board?

Very sincerely yours,
Sarah Lindsley
528 C – St. N.E.

Waverly, ~~Md.~~ Maryland May 28-84.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I have your letter of May 24 and this morning's mail has brought the book, maps, and extract from Prof. Austin's letter, and I write at once to thank you very cordially for your kind attention. I am sure that this will interest our children. I cannot yet say what they will be able to do, or which

field they will adopt until we have another meeting, and I can bring your suggestion of Sitka before them, and then I will write and let you know.

Again thanking you for your kindness

Very truly,

Alexina Crawford

Waverly

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C., May 28th, 1884.

Dear Dr. Jackson.

I ought to have said to you before you left that we are at a point to use a statement of the progress of your schools in Alaska up to June '83. I should like it in hand to send to the printer on Monday next. We have a note from Mr. Petroff, a letter from Mr. Morris and statistics of the Island schools (St. Paul & St. George).

Very truly yours.
John Eaton

I send all the material on hand in regard to Alaska.

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Hyannis Pat Mass.
May 30

Rev. Dr. Jackson

Dear Friend:

Thanks for your letter. do not trouble to unpack your books. No doubt you can tell me where to duplicate the information. Josie will enjoy the delightful trip your girls will have in Aug. Do not fail to come here, also be sure to let me know when, so I will not be away from home sometimes I am called off by some editing. The little letter was opportune, I shall need it to my Home Miss. Soc. who are working at my home Sundays for Alaska. I have just had a promise from a little Detroit in Jersey of $5.00

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each year for the Home and Homes. I rejoice, for the school volunteered it, out of their poverty. You can come here by through ticket on Old Colony Line, Fall River Boat from New York, reaching here at 11.45. A.M. or from Boston at 7. P.M. leaving Boston at 4. Let me know your time. Regards from my husband.

Very Truly
S. McKein Wright.

75 St. James Place.
Brooklyn.
May 31st 1884

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Montclair N.J.

Dear Brother -

Your letter containing good news from Alaska was duly received, for which please accept my hearty thanks - also receipt for ~~goods~~ box of books shipped, which Mr. Ham will attend to on Monday. I am rejoiced to hear of the work of the Holy Spirit at Sitka - oh! that many may be thoroughly awakened and converted, and that Gods dear children may be greatly revived and led to more complete consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ. My heart is greatly burdened for our missionaries in

in various places that God would open their eyes to some sense of what true consecration to Christ means. I commenced writing to you before I went to Saratoga, but was interrupted, and was not able to finish it. Since I came home I have had hands and heart full. Miss Allen from Santa Fe. has been with me this week and next week I expect Rev. J. M. Dinnick and wife from Cal., formerly from Omaha to be with us. I seem to be hindered in every way from my visit with you and Mrs. Jackson. I have been greatly troubled about your going to Sitka for I have felt that Mr. A. would not be in sympathy with any thing you might wish to accomplish. I feel better about it since the appropriation made by Government. and I hope your going will accomplish great good for

the people and much service for our blessed Master. I cannot tell you how glad I am that Mrs. James is going up to Alaska this summer. It will be of great use to us. She is a wise woman and our lady missionaries can talk freely to her. and know that they have sisters at 23 Centre St. The proposition for Mrs Haines to go was very warmly received by our ladies at Saratoga and it seems to be gratifying to Mrs. H. and her family. We asked that her daughter might accompany her. and I think special contributions will be made to cover the expense. What a noble woman Mrs. Bailey of Pa. is. The meetings at Saratoga were marked by a fraternal spirit; it was a decided improvement on last years meeting. The ladies of the Foreign Board were very cordial and largely attended our meeting. while last

year they went home. I hope this year will see many needed reforms, in our work and some important additions and improvements. One thing I hope soon will be accom-plished is, the appointment of a suitable woman to visit all of our schools. We must know for our-selves what kind of work is being done and how our teachers are situated. Some of the work in New Mexico makes me nearly sick with indigna-tion. I hope to see you on Monday as we have another meeting then. Please give my love to Mrs. Jackson. I am disappointed in not seeing her but I have sought in vain for an opportunity. May you be guided in all your way by the Holy Spirit and kept in the peace and fellowship of Jesus is my earnest prayer for you both.

Yours in Christ
Cornelia T. Ham

(Ms. f. M.E.)

Wilmington Del
May 31st 1884

My dear friend

Thank you for remembering us in sending the extract from Prof Austin's letter. it is most welcome as is anything you may send us, we do feel so grateful to you for recording us a visit you did us untold good every one was so much interested in your discourse. Our boys & girls have organized an Alaska Band & are interested in the work

the out-growth of your visit to Wilmington

Our Home Missionary Societies are increasing as the cause is presented — from six Churches I sent in March $219. for Mission Schools in Utah & Alaska the 2nd year I hope we will do better

I wish our Sunday Schools could provide a steam yacht for you. Wishing you every success in your work

Yours Truly

(Mrs) A L Polk

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E. E. Higbee
Supt. of Public Instruction.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Harrisburg, May 31, 1884.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 26th inst. was received last Tuesday. On the same evening I called at the houses of Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Jas. McCormick and Rev. Mr. Chambers, but all were absent from home. On Wednesday I met Bro. Chambers at Prayer meeting and mentioned the subject matter of your letter to him. He said that inasmuch as June 8th has been selected as Childrens' Day and all arrangements have been made for morning and evening services in the Pine Street Church it will not suit to have a change made for that day.

Mrs. Bailey will not be home until this evening. I called to see some of the official members of Market Sq. Church but found none at home. I left a

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Supt. of Public Instruction.

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note with one of the elders Thursday, i.e. in his office, but up to this moment have not received a reply. Should the Market Square people decide to have you address them on the 8th either morning or evening, or both, will it be too late to inform you next week? Where shall I address you? I shall be greatly disappointed if we can not have you with us some time as you propose.

Yours in Christian fellowship.

A. J. Davis.

Sheldon Jackson Institute.

An Industrial Training School for Indian Children.

ALONZO E. AUSTIN, Principal.
Mrs. A. E. AUSTIN,
Miss O. AUSTIN,
WALTER B. STYLES,
Mrs. W. B. STYLES,
} Teachers.

Sitka, Alaska, May 14th 1884

Dear Dr Jackson.
The steamer came in at 12 M to day, your letter received & I did I hope to ~~receive~~ see you on the mail, I will write but a word this time, Mr Brady received your letter by last steamer & as he spoke to Mr Haley about the land, I have been waiting for him, & have said nothing myself, fearing he might think we were too anxious. I think there will be no difficulty about obtaining the mark (adjoining) lot, at least. We have had a very precious revival the past month & over thirty of our home boys & girls have become Christians, (all the older ones) besides several Indians from the Ranch. My son Lorenzo is among the converts. I trust all my children

are in the good Shepherd's fold. It is the Lord's work, & we praise His holy name. We have prayer meetings lasting nearly two hours every moment of the time occupied by the children. Their thanksgivings to God for sending them ~~the~~ a missionary, & the Bible to be a "lamp unto their feet & a light unto their path", & their prayers for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon their friends, that they may give up their old Customs & Superstitions, & come to Jesus, is very touching. It is like being on the mount of transfiguration. It is wonderful how much of the Bible they understand, & how aptly they apply it. I think we shall have over forty to unite with us when our Church is organized. Will not some Christian in Portland give us a communion set? Finished planting our garden the last of April. Mr Schneig

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offered me a field back of his house if I would fence it. I did so & planted it with potatoes. I have made requisition on Bro Hill for calico, shoes for both boys & girls etc which I hope will be promptly sent, so that our children may present a respectable appearance when our summer visitors come. Have sent a keg of garden seeds to Mr W— & Mr Gould. The steamer is ready to leave, & I must close, with love from all,

Your bro
A E Austin